



# **GCITY OF BREMERTON PARKING STUDY**

## **Stakeholder Advisory Group – Meeting #2 Summary**

### **November 17, 2016**

## **OVERVIEW**

A stakeholder advisory group was formed for the Bremerton Parking Study. Participants include a City Council member, residents, business owners, property owners, a representative from Olympic College, a representative from Impark, and a representative from the Naval base and shipyard. The advisory group will review project deliverables and provide input on current issues of concern and opportunities to improve parking conditions in Bremerton.

## **MEETING AGENDA**

The consultant team led a discussion on the topics listed below. Included in the discussion was an opportunity for all members to introduce themselves, a review of the project scope and schedule, and an overview of parking management. During the presentation, advisory group members were able to ask questions and provide comments. After the presentation, a group discussion began with two live polling questions about the greatest challenges and opportunities for parking management in Bremerton as well as an open comment period on the same topics.

### **1. Introductions**

- Name, organization, why you're participating

### **2. Project Status Updates**

- Data collection plan
- Data collection days

### **3. Guiding Principles**

- What we heard at the last meeting
- Draft guiding principles for Downtown discussion

### **4. Data & Inventory**

- On and off-street inventory
- Initial data collection results for Downtown

### **5. Group Discussion**

- Thoughts on parking inventory and initial data collection results
- Is the data consistent with perception of parking conditions?

## ATTENDEES

There were seven Advisory Group members, two representatives from the consultant team, and two city staff members in attendance at the meeting.

<b>Advisory Group Member</b>	<b>Name</b>
City Council	Jerry McDonald
Naval Base Kitsap	Kim Peacher
Naval Base Kitsap	Lieutenant Trevino
Kitsap Transit	Edward Coviello
Impark	Matt Coyne
Employee/Commuter	Lacey Rhoades
Resident	William Schnarr

## GROUP DISCUSSION

The group was asked whether they had any reactions to the initial data collection results and whether the data was consistent with perceptions of the parking condition. Comments on the following topics were presented:

- Would like to capture those travelling through to stop and shop, eat, etc. in Downtown
- Would like to see the study help the base and decision makers understand more parking is needed on base, which will support the mission of the base
  - Recommendations on where additional parking should go would be helpful
  - Parking structures on base not currently prioritized for funding
- Naval garage is open for shared parking for off-work times
- Contractors working on base cannot park on base and must fend for selves outside the base
  - Some buy monthly permits
- Kitsap Transit – Park and Rides
  - East Bremerton – 169 stalls
  - Long-term – Silverdale study is being funded
  - Highway 16 corridor is being studied
  - Most facilities are well used
  - All facilities shuttle to Bremerton or Port Orchard Ferry
  - 1,200 – 1,600 riders a day on passenger ferries
- Demand for Bremerton’s on-street employee parking is not the issue, it’s the demand for parking in general due to the absence of other parking options

- The issue for enforcement is further west of downtown, in the residential areas
- Balancing number of spaces available off-street and the price people are willing to pay to park off-street long-term versus in a residential neighborhood
- Ensure the impacts on residents of parking in and around downtown are considered, not just the impacts on businesses and employees
- Traffic issues due to employee parking is impacting residential areas
- Naval Base Kitsap shift schedules impact traffic and peak times